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1. Ecuadoran government authorities on 26 October 1949 forced a temporary settlement of the dispute between the female employees and owners of the Inca Sedalana textile factory, and for the present the general strike which had been threatened unless the dispute were settled in favor of the workers* has been averted. In

view of the impermanent nature of the settlement, it is feared that the trouble

may flare up again.

2. The government is still nervous over the possibility of revolutionary action breaking out in Guayaquil or Quito.** The Defense Minister has ordered Major Jose Rafael Suarez, former Commander of the Quito tank corps and present aide on the Presidential staff, to be ready at a moment's notice to assume command of the Quito tank group in case of trouble.

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